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Project Update

Construction begins on improvements to Issaquah segment of East Lake Sammamish Trail May 14th

The next phase of a highly anticipated project to upgrade and pave King County's East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELST) will require closure of a portion of the popular recreational and commuter corridor for up to one year beginning this spring.

King County will soon start upgrading and paving the Issaquah segment of the ELST. On May14, crews will begin work on the 2.2-mile-long stretch of the trail from Southeast 43rd Way to Gilman Boulevard. Because of the narrow corridor, limited trail access, and the extensive scope of work, this trail segment will be closed to all users during construction.

How will the trail be improved?

The project improves safety and accessibility by installing a 12-footwide paved trail with 2-foot softsurface shoulders on each side and enhancing intersection, crossing treatments, and drainage. The Issaguah segment is the second phase of the multi-year development of the entire 11-mile-long ELST. Future phases will be designed and constructed as funding becomes available.



How is this project funded?

Funding for the Issaquah segment improvement project is provided by the 2008-2013 voter-approved King County Open Space and Trails Levy (thank you for your support!), the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program, and the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program.

